

Claim 42. (three-times amended):

42. An article comprising a porous polytetrafluoroethylene tube having a circumference wherein the circumference of said porous polytetrafluoroethylene tube increases in response to the application of a circumferentially distending force, wherein the porous polytetrafluoroethylene tube itself limits recoil to 14 percent or less following removal of the circumferentially distending force.